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Grand Knight Message

Greetings Brother Knights,

Happy New Year! Hopefully everyone is sticking to their New Year resolutions as we enter into 2010. One challenge I present to you is to become more involved in an activity or event within our Council that you may not have helped out with in the past. It certainly would be a great way to interact with other Knights and experience the rewarding satisfaction of expanding your involvement. Some of the events taking place in the near future would be our pancake breakfasts for January, February, and March. Our annual Free Throw Championship will be held in the next month that is open to all boys and girls ages 10-14. Any type of help is appreciated conducting the event and also to recruit young boys and girls to participate.

Also, coming up in February in place of our business meeting is "Light Night," where we have a relaxing evening of wine, cheese, soft drinks, fellowship, and chances to win exciting door prizes.

I would also like to invite you to observe our First Degree ceremony which takes place prior to Light Night festivities. It would be a great way to show your support of the candidates and welcome them into our Council.

Thank you to Greg Kapraun for all his efforts in putting together a Charity Committee for our Council. It will be a very useful avenue to review charity requests and make recommendations to the Council. The makeup, responsibilities, and operation of the Committee was passed at our December meeting. Please contact Greg if you have questions or need more information about the Committee.

Enjoy our wonderful Minnesota winter weather and hope to see you soon at an upcoming activity/event.

Go Vikings!

Vivat Jesus

Paul Daley, Grand Knight



Birthdays

Knights with Birthdays in January are Brent Samb, Jim Decker, Bernie Carlson, Tom Fox, Dan Renier, Gregory Laughland, Gordy Stockinger, Tom Suther, Joe DiCecco, Bruce Fujan, Steve Nowakowski, Larry Burgart, Kevin Coughlin, Peter Freiburger, Chris Adamson, Mark Schluttner, Judson Stiglich Jr., Adam Bless, and Brent Johnson. Have a happy birthday, gentlemen!

Men's Retreat

Dave Rossman

The annual men's retreat is scheduled for the weekend of February 5-7, 2010 at the Christ the King Retreat Center in Buffalo MN. The theme this year is "Jesus Conquers Fear". Learn that Jesus wants to help unburden our fears if self, other and even of God and instead fill our hearts with trust and hope in the God who is our refuge and strength. Mark your calendars for this weekend and join fellow Knights from multiple councils across the state. A carpool will be provided.

Calendar

Tuition Scholarship Banquet

February 5, 2010
Rochester International Event Center
6:00 p.m.

Men's Retreat

February 5-7, 2010
Christ the King Retreat Center
Buffalo, MN

Light Night with the Knights

Thursday, February 11, 7:00 p.m.
Holy Spirit Commons

Men's Choir Sing

Sunday, February 14, morning Masses

Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, February 28, after morning Masses

Patriotism - The Principle of the 4th Degree

Berry Hobbs, Faithful Navigator

When Jesus said, "Render unto Caesar that which is Caesar's, and render unto God that which is God's" (Matthew 15:21), he told us in order to be a good Catholic we must also be a good citizen.

As Catholic Citizens, we are well aware of the many blessings bestowed upon us by virtue of living in the United States of America. We are also keenly aware of the contributions and sacrifices made by Catholics that led to both the establishment and the maintenance of this great land. Finally, we are aware of our obligation to support our great country.

As Fourth Degree Knights, we honor the contribution of those who went before us by our patriotism. Patriotism can be as simple as:

- Exercising the right to vote
- Wearing an American flag lapel pin
- Flying the flag on national holidays and election day
- Active participation in our political system
- Marching in parades
- Teaching flag etiquette
- And more.

Patriotism, like Catholic spirituality, is personal.

4th Degree News

On April 17, 2010 there will be a 4th Degree Exemplification in Duluth MN. If you have not already become a 4th Degree member, we invite you and your spouse to take this opportunity to travel to beautiful Duluth and experience the patriotic degree. As a 4th degree member you will have the opportunity to join honor guard, meet brother knights from other councils, and bring your spouse to the monthly meetings. So mark your calendars and join us for a wonderful and exciting weekend. For more information on the exemplification, and being a 4th degree member, please contact Greg Sanders (507-287-8606, sanders3665@gmail.com) or Rob Larson (507-280-4481, pucket8888@yahoo.com).



Pancake Breakfast News

Gary Moore

THANK YOU to all the Knights that donated their time to help with the January 17 pancake breakfast! This breakfast was for the benefit of Lourdes Athletics, specifically for the football team to paint and fix up the weight room, and for the girls softball team. Approximately \$500 was donated as a result of the breakfast proceeds.

Men's Choir

The Men's Choir will be singing again at both morning Masses on February 14th, Valentine's Day. We are always looking for more members. The songs are good; the parts are not too hard; and practices are reasonable (even fun!). We sing 3 or 4 times a year so the schedule is not too strenuous. Contact Neil Stiller (252-9678, njrochmn@charter.net) or Frank Vondrashek (281-3051, frankvo@magnaspeed.net) to get on our mailing list.

Little Known Saint of the Month

This month we consider Mother Marianne Cope — the first person beatified by Pope Benedict XVI. Marianne was born on January 23, 1838 in Heppenheim in the Grand Duchy of Hesse (Germany) and christened Maria Anna Barbara Koob. At the age of three her family moved to the United States, settling in the town of Utica, New York. As a young adult she was a factory worker in Utica. At the age of twenty-four she felt free enough of family responsibility to be able to follow her religious vocation, and she chose the name Marianne, as a Sister of the Order of St. Francis.

She spent nearly a decade as a teacher and then principal in newly established schools for German immigrants. She was also a founding member of two of the first Catholic hospitals in the United States, both of which were initiated by her religious

community in the 1860's. She herself directed one of the hospitals, St. Joseph's, the first from Convent of St. Anthony in Syracuse, New York from 1870-1877. She was elected Provincial Mother in 1877.

In November 1883, Mother Marianne traveled from Syracuse to Honolulu with six other nuns to answer a call for aid to the Hansen's disease sufferers by King David Kalākaua. She responded to the letter asking for her help enthusiastically, "I am hungry for the work and I wish with all my heart to be one of the chosen ones, whose privilege it will be, to sacrifice themselves for the salvation of the souls of the poor Islanders... I am not afraid of any disease, hence it would be my greatest delight even to minister to the abandoned lepers."

With Mother Marianne as supervisor, their task was to manage Kaka'ako Branch Hospital on Oahu, which served as a receiving station for Hansen's disease patients gathered from all over the islands. Here the more severe cases were processed and shipped to the island of Molokai for confinement at the settlement at Kalawao, and then later at Kalaupapa.

In 1888, she moved to Kalaupapa to help the ailing Father Damien of Molokai. When the famed priest died, Mother Marianne Cope took over the care of the patients of Kalaupapa, where she was awarded the Royal Order of Kapiolani by the Hawaiian government and celebrated in a poem by Robert Louis Stevenson. Mother Marianne continued her work faithfully until her death on August 9, 1918.

She was never afflicted by Hansen's disease, a fact declared to be miraculous considering her close contact with the patients over the course of several years, earning her the title Blessed Marianne of Molokai.

Her feast day is January 23 celebrated each year by her devotees, especially her religious order, the Diocese of Honolulu, and the Diocese of Syracuse.

In 1924, Saint Francis Convent in Honolulu was founded in her memory to train nurses to work with Hansen's disease patients. It is now Saint Francis School, which is a school for girls in grades 6-9.

Knights of Columbus Council #11460

This is a synopsis of the official minutes of the Council Business Meeting held on December 10, 2009

submitted by Jerome N. Lensing

Opening

Deputy Grand Knight Steve Kunkel called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. in the Library of Holy Spirit School. Steve started the meeting with the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. The Role of Officers was called. Deputy Grand Knight Steve Kunkel, Recorder Jerome N. Lensing, and Financial Secretary Jim Decker were present. No Form 100's were read.

Joe O'Toole provided an overview of the changes that will be in place for the 4:30 PM Christmas Eve Mass. Due to the large attendance, seating will be provide in the Commons area with video broadcast to the Commons. He is asking for our help on December 22nd when 250 chairs will be delivered plus for help with ushering and other ministries. Greg K suggested that the Mass be recorded, Joe will check into that.

Officers Reports

Grand Knight Report – Steve Kunkel – Thanked Gary Moore for the effort by all Knights at the Pancake Breakfast celebrating our 15th Anniversary! Thank-you from the participants of the NCYC Conference.

Financial Secretary Report – Jim Decker presented income and expense reports for November – December 2009 (Receipts - \$1,053.41 Payments \$3,983.35) Jim mentioned that it would be good to mentioned in the

Bulletin about the donation we made to the Giving Tree from the Anniversary Pancake Breakfast.

Directors Reports

Church Activities Director – Steve Kunkel will contact Rob Larson about Lite Up For Christ activity. Tom Sand and Eric Van Norman have set up the manger.

Youth Activities Director – Dan Kennedy – Will be lining up an event for the Youth Ministers.

Old Business

Dan Kennedy is look at other options for the possibility of conference calling in to our meetings. First option was not very economical.

Jim Decker provided an update on Christmas Anonymous.

New Business

Greg Kapraun discussed the development of a Charity Committee. He provided a handout on the resolution. Greg had received a number of questions on the resolution. He read the questions and provided answers to each of the questions. Motion was made, seconded and passed on the resolution. Steve Kunkel gave Greg the first request.

Good of the Order

Prayers were offered by the Deputy Grand Knight. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.